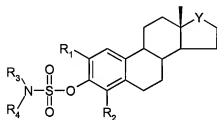


IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, to read as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound suitable for use as an inhibitor of oestrone sulphatase, wherein the compound is a sulphamate compound having Formula IV;



Formula IV

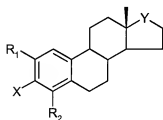
wherein

one of R_1 and R_2 is H and the other of R_1 and R_2 is a substituent other than H and R_1 and R_2 may be the same or different but not both being H;

each of R_3 and R_4 is independently selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl and aryl, wherein at least one of R_3 and R_4 is H; and

Y is a suitable linking group comprising one or more of C, O, N, and S.

2. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound suitable for use as an inhibitor of oestrone sulphatase, wherein the compound is a sulphamate compound having Formula IV;

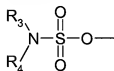


Formula IV

wherein X is a sulphamate group; one of R_1 and R_2 is H and the other of R_1 and R_2 is a substituent other than H and R_1 and R_2 may be the same or different but not both being H, wherein the substituent other than H is alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy

containing group; and wherein Y is a suitable linking group comprising one or more of C, O, N, and S.

3. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the sulphamate group has the Formula III;



Formula III

wherein each of R₃ and R₄ is independently selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl and aryl, or together represent alkylene optionally containing one or more hetero atoms or groups in the alkylene chain.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound according to claim 3 wherein at least one of R₃ and R₄ is H.

6. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein each of R₃ and R₄ is H.

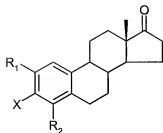
7. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound according to claim 3 wherein each of R₃ and R₄ is H.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein Y is -C(O)-.

10. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound has the Formula V;

Formula V



wherein X is a sulphamate group; one of R₁ and R₂ is H and the other of R₁ and R₂ is a substituent other than H and R₁ and R₂ may be the same or different but not both being H.

11. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the substituent other than H is alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy containing group.

12. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the substituent other than H is alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy containing group.

13. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the substituent other than H is C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, substituted C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl, substituted C₁₋₆ alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

14. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the substituent other than H is C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, substituted C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl, substituted C₁₋₆ alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

15. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the substituent other than H is C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, a nitrogen containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

16. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the substituent other than H is C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, a nitrogen containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

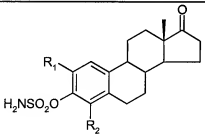
17. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the substituent other than H is C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, NO₂, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

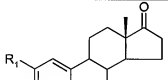
18. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the substituent other than H is C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, NO₂, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

19. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the substituent other than H is C₃ alkyl, C₃ alkenyl, NO₂, or H₃CO.

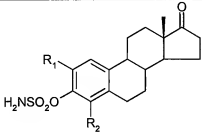
20. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the substituent other than H is C₃ alkyl, C₃ alkenyl, NO₂, or H₃CO.

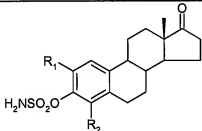
21. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound having one of Formulae VI - IX

		R ₁	R ₂	Formula
	a)	n- CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	H	VI
	b)	H	n-CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	
	c)	n- CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	n-CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	

		R ₁	R ₂	Formula
	a)	- CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	H	VII

	b)	H	-CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	
	c)	- CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	-CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	

		R ₁	R ₂	Formula VIII
	a)	H ₃ CO-	H	
	b)	H	H ₃ CO-	
	c)	H ₃ CO-	H ₃ CO-	

		R ₁	R ₂	Formula IX
	a)	-NO ₂	H	
	b)	H	-NO ₂	
	c)	-NO ₂	-NO ₂	

22. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the group A/ring B combination contains one or more alkoxy substituents.

23. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the group A/ring B combination contains one or more methoxy substituents.

24. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ and/or R₂ is an alkoxy group.

25. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R₁ and/or R₂ is an alkoxy group.

26. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ and/or R₂ is a methoxy group.

27. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R_1 and/or R_2 is a methoxy group.

28. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is an alkoxy group.

29. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R_1 is an alkoxy group.

30. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is a methoxy group.

31. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R_1 is a methoxy group.

32. (Previously Presented) A method of inhibiting steroid sulphatase activity in a patient in need thereof comprising administering a sulphamate compound according to any one of claims 1-2.

33-64. (Canceled)

65. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~inhibiting and/or~~ treating breast cancer comprising administering a sulphamate compound according to any of claims 1, 2, 5-7, and 9-31.

66. (Cancelled)